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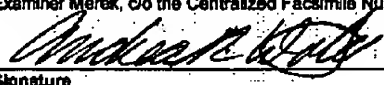
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
IN REOPENED PROSECUTION**

Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 23, 2003, kindly amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.